

**ADDENDUM TO THE FACT SHEET
FOR STATE WASTE DISCHARGE
PERMIT NO. ST-9223**

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

**Valley Processing, Plant #2
130 U.S. Grape Road
PO Box 246
Sunnyside, WA 98944**

II. APPLICATION REVIEW

An application for permit reissuance was submitted to the Department of Ecology (Department) on June 23, 2005 and accepted July 11, 2005. Prior to making a determination whether to reauthorize an existing permit or conduct a full renewal, a thorough review of the permit and compliance history of the facility is conducted. This review shall be sufficiently detailed as to insure the following:

- That the permittee is in compliance with all of the terms, conditions, requirements and schedules of compliance of the expired permit;
- That the Department has up-to date information on the Permittee's waste treatment practices; nature, content, and frequencies of Permittee's discharge; either pursuant to the submission of new forms and applications or pursuant to monitoring records and reports resubmitted to the Department by the permittee; and
- That the discharge is consistent with applicable effluent standards and limitations, water quality standards, and other legally applicable requirements listed in WAC 173-220-130.

The application for Valley Processing, Inc. and discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) were reviewed. Except for a reduction of flow, no other significant change in the discharge has occurred.

III. PERMIT REAUTHORIZATION

This fact sheet addendum accompanies the draft permit, which is to be reauthorized to Valley Processing, Inc. Plant #2 for the discharge of wastewater to the Port of Sunnyside Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility (IWTP.) The previous fact sheet and "Schedule A" of the Operations and Maintenance Manual are also part of this administrative record

and explain the basis for the discharge limitations and conditions of the reauthorized permit.

The existing permit requirements, including discharge limitations and monitoring, do not need to be changed to protect the receiving water quality. The previous fact sheet adequately addressed conditions and issues at the facility at the time the previous permit was issued. The Department has not received any information during the previous permit term indicating environmental impacts from the discharge were overlooked. Nor have incidents severe enough to undertake a complete renewal of the permit occurred during that time period.

Two total monthly flows have been in excess of the contract with the IWTP, but did not cause any problems for the IWTP. However, Valley Processing, Plant #2 has demonstrated compliance with its contract for the IWTP period of concern (November to February), and on a yearly basis. The discharge flow also continues to be below the agreed average annual allotments granted Valley Processing, Plant #2 by the Port of Sunnyside IWTP. During the period from November 2004 to October 2005, the flow was about one quarter of the contract allocation. The reduction of flow has occurred as a result of both decreased water wasted and decreased storage at the facility.

The discharge limits and conditions in effect at the time of expiration of the previous permit are carried over unchanged to this reauthorized permit. Assessment of compliance and inspections of the facility during the previous permit term indicate that the facility should not be placed on a high priority for permit renewal. The Department assigns a high priority for permit renewals in situations where water quality would materially benefit from a more stringent permit during the next five-year permit.

The permit reauthorization process, in concert with the routine renewal of high priority permits, allows the Department to reissue permits in a timely manner and minimize the number of active permits that have passed expiration dates. A system of ranking the relative significance of the environmental benefit to be gained by renewing a permit rather than reauthorizing a permit is followed during the Department's annual permit planning process. Each permit that is due for reissuance is assessed and compared with other permits that are also due for reissuance. The public is notified and input is sought after the initial draft ranking has tentatively established which permits are likely to be completely renewed and which are likely to be reauthorized. All relevant comments and suggestions are considered before a final decision is made regarding the type of reissuance for each permit.

The discharge from this facility is subject to limitations established by contract between the facility and the Port of Sunnyside. At the time of issuance the contract dated February 14, 2001 is in effect. The effluent limitations in that contract constitute the

enforceable limits of this permit. This permit anticipates should the facility and the Port of Sunnyside renegotiate a new contract during the course of this permit, the facility shall submit the new contract to the Department for approval. Upon approval the contract will be incorporated into the O&M Manual in Appendix A and the limitations established in the new contract will become the enforceable limits of this permit. The new requirement for inclusion of the contract into Appendix A of the O & M Manual is contained in Special Condition S4.

Public notice of the availability of the draft reauthorized permit is required at least 30 days before the permit is issued [Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 173-220-050]. The fact sheet and draft permit are available for review (see Appendix A - Public Involvement for more detail on the Public Notice procedures).

After the public comment period has closed, the Department will summarize the substantive comments and the response to each comment. The summary and response to comments will become part of the file for the permit and parties submitting comments will receive a copy of the Department's response. Comments and the resultant changes to the permit will be summarized in the fact sheet addendum, Appendix B - Response to Comments.

IV. RECOMMENDATION FOR PERMIT ISSUANCE

The Department proposes that this permit be reauthorized for five years.

APPENDIX A -- PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT INFORMATION

The Department has determined to reauthorize a discharge permit to the applicant listed on page 1 of this fact sheet addendum. The permit contains conditions and effluent limitations that are described in the fact sheet.

The Department published a Public Notice of Application and Draft Reauthorization (PNOA/D) on June 26, and July 3, 2006 in the Sunnyside Daily Sun News to inform the public that an application, draft reauthorization permit and fact sheet were available for review. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the draft permit. The draft reauthorization permit, fact sheet addendum, fact sheet, and related documents are available for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, by appointment, at the regional office listed below. Written comments should be mailed to:

Water Quality Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
Central Regional Office
15 West Yakima Avenue, Suite 200
Yakima, Washington 98902

Any interested party may comment on the draft permit or request a public hearing on this draft permit within the 30 day comment period to the address above. The request for a hearing shall indicate the interest of the party and the reasons why the hearing is warranted. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines there is a significant public interest in the draft permit (WAC 173-220-090). Public notice regarding any hearing will be circulated at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. People expressing an interest in this permit will be mailed an individual notice of hearing (WAC 173-220-100).

Comments should reference specific test followed by proposed modification or concern when possible. Comments may address technical issues, accuracy and completeness of information, the scope of the facility's proposed coverage, adequacy of environmental protection, permit conditions, or any other concern that would result from reauthorization of this permit.

The Department will consider all comments received within 30 days from the date of the PNOA/D indicated above, in formulating a final determination to issue, revise, or deny the permit. The Department's response to all significant comments is available upon request and will be mailed directly to people expressing an interest in this permit.

Further information may be obtained from the Department by telephone at (509) 457-7105, or by writing to the address listed above.

This permit reauthorization written by Jean Hays.

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EXPIRATION DATE: SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

APPENDIX B -- RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

No comments were received by the Department of Ecology.